



GENEROSITY WEEK 2023

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2

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“Thank You Heavenly Father, that You have not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and sound mind. Thank You Holy Spirit, that You can do immeasurably more than we can imagine or ask. Thank You Jesus, for sacrificially giving of Yourself so we are inspired to live generously to enable Your Kingdom here on Earth.” *Liz Mullins, Generous Giving Advisor, Rochester diocese*

WELCOME!

They say the first step is the hardest and in this issue we have two ‘first steps’ a church could take in talking about generosity. One is to start a conversation about legacies, and the other is to launch – or relaunch – the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Read on for details of both.

PGS

Although one-off gifts are wonderful, it’s regular giving that helps churches to plan their ministry with confidence. And launching (or relaunching) PGS as part of a generosity campaign has the greatest impact on how effective it is. To help churches launch PGS during Generosity Week, the PGS team has produced this [downloadable guide](#). It includes all the wisdom the PGS team has acquired over years of helping churches launch the service to best effect.



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Spirituality of Fundraising

The Giving team’s very own Revd Trevor Marshall has been reading *A Spirituality of Fundraising* by Henri Nouwen. You can read his full review [here](#), but here are a couple of nuggets of what he’s learnt:
Are you going to try anything in your church?
“I’m going to be more proactive about prayer around gratitude and generosity.”
Any spiritual insights you’d like to share?
“Many – but I think the main one is around demonstrating that our own wealth is not our master.”

“I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly.”

John 10:10



Faith Will...

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Gifts in wills are a powerful way for faith to live on and create lasting change, but they can be difficult to talk about – for everyone, including those wanting to leave a gift. This autumn, and coinciding with GW, the Church of England will join with the Church of Scotland and the Quakers to be part of Christian Aid’s Faith Will initiative. You can use this [Faith Will link](#) to sign up for free resources to help you talk about legacies in your church. There’s a film, posters, leaflets and worship materials. You can even request a speaker if it seems too daunting.

Spotlight on resources

Exploring generosity as a spiritual discipline (rather than just a practical one) is vital, and the content of all the GW service resources has now been updated. Whether you want to run a Eucharist or a Service of the Word, there are two of each with new prayers, readings, psalms and canticles. Morning Prayer has also been revised to chime with this year’s podcasts which are coming soon. And on the subject of updated resources, hats off to our designer Marc who took it upon himself to change the joke in the Children’s GW Challenge.

(In case you can’t wait:

What musical instrument is found in the bathroom?
A tuba toothpaste).



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